

Remarks

Claims 1-23 were filed with the application. These were the original claims in the parent application, of which this is a divisional. The applicant now files substitute claims 24-34, and cancels claims 1-23 in a preliminary amendment so that more appropriate claims may be examined.

The examiner required a restriction of the original claims. It is submitted that the substitute claims all relate to the embodiment shown in Fig. 3 so that the claims 24-34 are not directed to patentably distinct species. The examiner also requested applicant to elect a “single ultimate species” in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. This requirement was due to “the numerous and diverse manners of securing” that the examiner asserts were claimed as being suitable in many of the original claims. The substituted claims do not recite manners of securing the device, so it is submitted that this requirement is now moot.

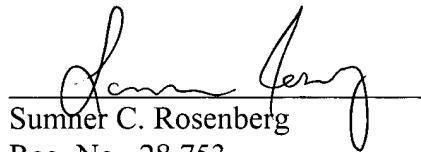
Based on the above, applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and such examination is respectfully requested.

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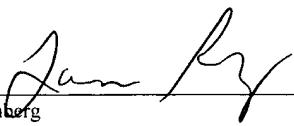


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